

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 569

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Louis "Bill" Giannini of Mount Juliet.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of William Louis "Bill" Giannini; and

WHEREAS, Bill Giannini was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional, a man of integrity, passion, and faith who was beloved by all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, born on January 20, 1968, Bill Giannini was the son of Paul and Susan Hale Giannini of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, an entrepreneur of the greatest ability and principle, Mr. Giannini was the founder of Giannini Foods and Little Italy Pizza in Memphis and, most recently, a founder and partner of Resolve Consulting Firm; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in politics as a way to ensure and perpetuate the public good, Mr. Giannini served as the chairman for the Republican Party of Shelby County and as a member of the Shelby County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, Bill Giannini's public service continued as he assumed an active role in state government. On May 1, 2011, he was appointed assistant commissioner of the Regulatory Boards Division at the Department of Commerce and Insurance by Governor Bill Haslam; three years later, on July, 20, 2014, he was named deputy commissioner, serving with acumen and alacrity until early 2017, at which time he departed to begin his consulting business; and

WHEREAS, as deputy commissioner, Mr. Giannini had oversight of the Regulatory Boards, Fiscal Information Systems, and Consumer Affairs divisions and served as acting

director of Consumer Affairs; during his tenure, he implemented the operation of the Customer Service Center; instituted a centralized complaint-handling process, which has led to substantially more efficient processing of complaints; was influential in the implementation of a new licensing system that allows for intake of licensing application via an online portal; and oversaw reductions of overall licensing processing times; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Giannini was active with Central North Church in Bartlett, where he was in the worship band; more recently, he attended Hermitage Hills Baptist Church in Nashville, where he was again involved with the music ministry; and

WHEREAS, Bill Giannini was also wholly devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giannini was preceded in death by his mother; and

WHEREAS, his cherished memory will live on with his father; his wife, Michelle Giannini; his children, Olivia, Lucca, Roman, and Coda Giannini; his siblings, Paul "Andy" Giannini, Bret Giannini, Carlye Corder, and Ben Giannini; and countless other family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, though his days on this earth were far too few, Bill Giannini lived a rich, venerable life and leaves behind a legacy of dedication, passion, service, and love that will echo through the lives of those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Louis "Bill" Giannini, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Giannini.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.